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SUBJ: LAUNCH OF JAPANESE N-VEHICLE

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1. FOLLOWING SUCCESSFUL LAUNCH OF NASDA N-VEHICLE AT 2:30 PM 9/9/75 LOCAL TIME FROM TANEGASHIMA ISLAND, DR. HIDEO SHIMA, PRESIDENT OF NASDA, RELAYED HIS PERSONAL THANKS TO ME FOR THE ASSISTANCE GIVEN BY THE US GOVERNMENT TO GOJ IN PREPARING FOR LAUNCH. DR. YASUHIRO KURODA OF NASDA TOKYO ALSO REQUESTED THAT THE DEEP APPRECIATION OF NASDA BE CONVEYED TO USG AND TO EMBASSY FOR QUICK RESOLUTION OF POTENTIAL PROBLEM CONCERNING VANDENBERG AFB REQUEST THAT NO GOJ RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SHOULD OCCUR IN VICINITY KWAJALEIN ON 9/10 IF N ROCKET LAUNCH HAD TO BE POSTPONED ONE DAY. ALTHOUGH RESOLUTION WAS REACHED THROUGH EXCELLENT COOPERATION OF USAF, PROBLEM WAS MADE MOOT BY N ROCKET LAUNCH PROCEEDING ON SCHEDULE.

2. I HAVE ALSO RECEIVED PERSONAL THANKS FROM HIROHIKO OTSUKA, MOFA, FOR US ASSISTANCE IN N ROCKET PROGRAM AND FOR RESOLUTION OF VANDENBERG PROBLEM AND FROM MINISTER OF STATE SASAKI, DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY, WHO HAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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3. FYI BECAUSE OF LACK OF TRAVEL AND OTHER ACCOMMODATIONS
AT TANEGASHIMA, AND PROBABLY ALSO BECAUSE OF NATURAL SENSITIVITY
OVER FIRST LARGE SCALE LAUNCH, NASDA DISCOURAGED ATTENDANCE AT
LAUNCH BY FOREIGNERS AND EVEN OF GOJ OFFICIALS.
ASIDE FROM US CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL ASSISTING
IN LAUNCH OPERATIONS, ONLY FOREIGNERS PRESENT WERE
SCICOUNS AND DEFENSE ATTACHE FROM AMEMBASSY TOKYO, SCICOUNS
AND DEFENSE ATTACHE FROM UK EMBASSY, FRENCH SCICOUNS, AND INDIAN
SCICOUNS. ONLY VIP JAPANESE SEEN WERE SADANORI YAMANAKA
(DIET MEMBER FROM KAGOSHIMA PREFECTURE AND FORMER DEFENSE MINISTER),
MINISTER SASAKI, AND GOVERNOR OF KAGOSHIMA PREFECTURE. IN
RETROSPECT, MOFA EXPRESSED SURPRISE AND SOME CONSTERNATION
OVER PRESENCE OF INDIAN SCICOUNS IN CONVERSATION WITH
EMBOFF. END LOU FYI.
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